

House Resolution No. 361

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Frankie Muse Freeman of Saint Louis, Missouri, attained considerable distinction from 1967 to 1971 as the 14th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

Whereas, on February 8, 2008, Frankie Freeman will be given public honors and accolades at a celebration sponsored by the Saint Louis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Fortitude Foundation in light of her contributions and service to the organizations; and

Whereas, the wife of the late Shelby T. Freeman, Jr., and the mother of Shelby Patricia, Frankie Freeman was Associate General Counsel of the Saint Louis Housing and Land Clearance Authorities and served on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Negro Women; and

Whereas, during her tenure as National President, Frankie Freeman proved instrumental in the Delta Sigma Theta Teen-Lift program, which earned a commendation from Vice President Hubert Humphrey; in record-breaking attendance at the Baltimore national convention, where she called for enforcement of civil rights legislation; and in the growing societal realization that a dual educational system based upon income and race would result in two alienated and unequal nations within the American borders, which resulted in her famous challenge of "One Nation or Two?"; and

Whereas, Frankie Freeman's influence extended well beyond Delta Sigma Theta since she was the lone woman on the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 1967 and a member of the Saint Louis Branch of the NAACP, YWCA of Metropolitan Saint Louis, League of Women Voters, the American and National Bar Associations, and the Mound City Bar Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered down through the years by Frankie Freeman and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Frankie Muse Freeman of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 361, adopted January 31, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker